GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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ON THE SPOT STUDY OF EARTHQUAKE AFFECTED AREAS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Goernment propose to undertake an on the spot study of the earthquake affected to Gujarat with a view to assess the loss/damage suffered by the Urban infrastructure;

(b) if so, the time by which the proposed study is likely to be undertaken;

(c) whether the Government have finalised a comprehensive action plan for rehabilitation reconstruction and providing basic amenities in the earthquake ravaged areas of Gujarat;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the techno-financial package would include HUDCO assistance;

(f) if so, the details thereof;
(g) whether a high level meeting of senior officials was convened by him during January in this regard; and
(h) if so, the concrete steps taken to plan a project for the coordination in respect of relief received and planning made to utilise this for rehabilitation of the affected people in Gujarat?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)to(d): Yes, Sir. A comprehensive action plan entailing rapid assessment of the extent of damages to houses and buildings, financial assistance, dissemination of appropriate technology, establishment of building and community centres to demonstrate the use of disaster resistant housing including earthquake resistant technologies, adoption of villages and bastis for comprehensive development and setting up of HUDCO officesin Bhuj and Anjar was drawn up to provide techno-financial assistance for a massive rehabilitation and reconstruction programme for the earthquake ravaged areas of Gujarat.

As part of the Action plan, HUDCO and BMTPCin collaboration with the State Governments would carry out, in the shortest possible time, a rapid assessment of the extent of damages both qualitatively and quantitatively for reconstruction of fully damaged houses, repairs and renewal of partially damaged houses and retrofitting of existing vulnerable stock.

(e): Yes, Sir.

(f): Depending upon the extent of support needed by the State Government, HUDCOis willing to provide loan upto Rs.1500 crores, provided the State agencies comply with the legal and other requirements. The financial assistance from HUDCOwould be backed up with an appropriate technology package needed for re-building earthquake resistant houses, using local building materials like mud, stone, bricks, concrete etc. and this will be widely disseminated through use of instructive guidelines in the form of simple and user friendly Do`s and Don`ts.

(g): Yes, Sir.

(h): Government of India is providing technical guidance through BMTPCand financial assistance through HUDCOfor reconstruction of earthquake resistant houses. It is proposed to disseminate the information relating to use of earthquake resistant technology through Building Centres where training of masons will be taken up. HUDCO proposes to adopt oneor two badly affected towns for comprehensive development. Overall coordination of relief received towards rehabilitation of the affected families is being done by Government of Gujarat.